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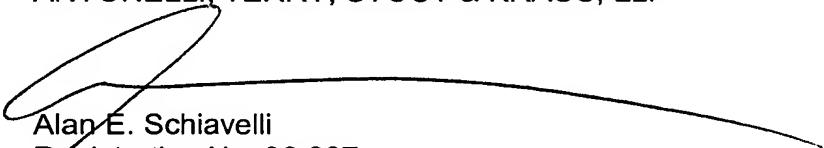
Applicants have amended the second page of the specification of the above-identified application, to identify a prior application of the above-identified application, Application No. 09/482,859, filed January 14, 2000, being relied upon in the above-identified application under 35 USC §120; and to incorporate the subject matter of this prior application in the above-identified application by reference, in its entirety. Noting, in particular, that the Declaration under 37 CFR § 1.63 being submitted in connection with the above-identified application is a copy of the Declaration under 37 CFR § 1.63 originally submitted in Application No. 08/299,328, it is respectfully submitted that the present amendments to the specification do not add new matter to the application.

Entry of the present amendments, and, subsequent thereto, examination of the above-identified application in due course, are respectfully requested.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 511.33114CC6), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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